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1. In Pit No. 17 at Horni Slavkov, there are altogether 120 employees working in three shifts. Several of these are women, who work in the open. One third of the employees are permanent, others are brigade workers, engaged for one to two years. There are also 60 convicts who are engaged in the building of a new cleaning and sifting shop, and who are guarded by SNB men.
2. Machinery consists only of pneumatic hammers and transport equipment.
3. Skoda trucks transfer the ore to Horni Zdar. On the way back they bring materials for the pit.
4.  the daily output amounts to some 130 quintals<sup>1</sup> of uranium. The quality of the ore is good. Source is not sure how far the plan is being fulfilled but the place was known as the "Shock-working Pit".
5. Assistant workers get approximately 800 Kcs. net per month. Wages of other workers are not known  but he knows they are too low to provide a decent living.
6. The pit comes under the Horni Slavkov Mines Inspectorate. Daily a group of two or three Russian inspectors come to the pit from Horni Slavkov. The pit is guarded only by one member of the works militia. Convicts are guarded by eight SNB men who also patrol the fence of the building site. (Only the cleaning and sifting shops are surrounded by a barbed-wire fence, 160 cm. high).

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7. Morale is poor. People are trying to strike to get higher wages. In the end two payments on account were made to them and the situation has quieted down. Some workers even injure their hands so as to be considered unfit for work. The majority of miners and workers eat at the Horni Slavkov canteen; meals are quite decent. Employees live mostly in several huts belonging to the Inspectorate. Every day there are political education lectures, organized for CSM (Union of Czechoslovak Youth) and ROH (Revolutionary Trade Union Movement) members.

 Comment: One metric quintal equals 100 kg.

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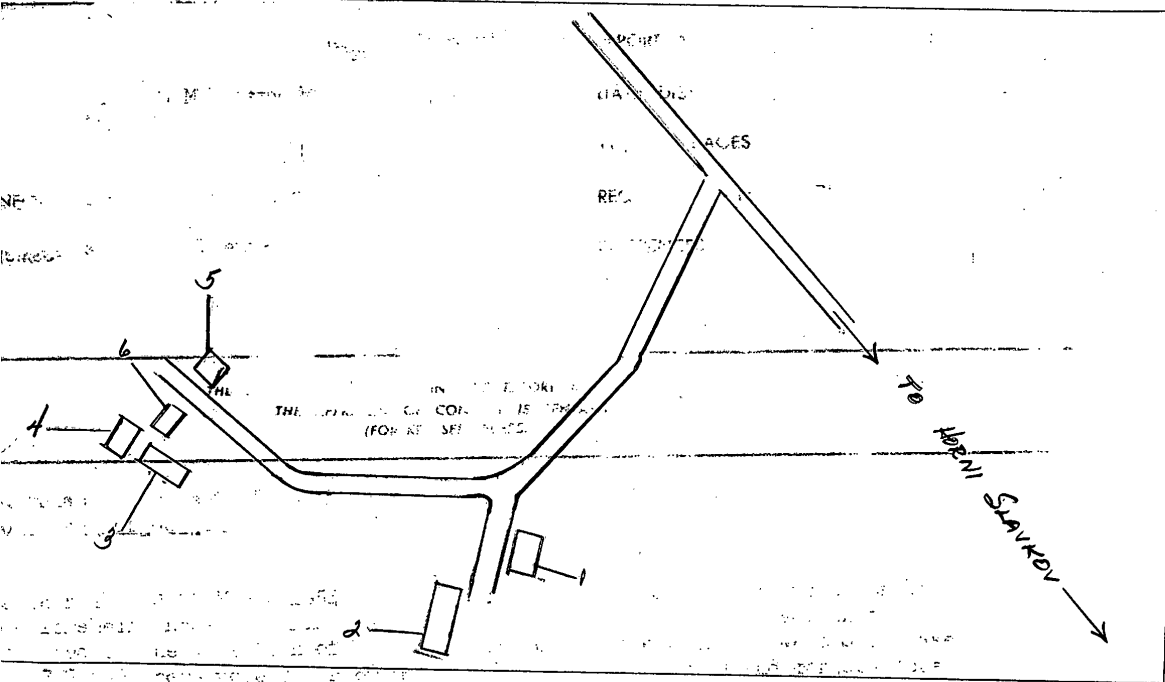
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Legend:

1. Store of tools and canteen.
2. Site of the cleaning and sifting shops, under construction.
3. Cloakroom and lamp storeroom.
4. Canteen.
5. Shaft.
6. Store of ore.

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